

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING OF A CHANGE

(PCT Rule 92bis.1 and
Administrative Instructions, Section 422)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 18 April 2001 (18.04.01)	
Applicant's or agent's file reference REP06257WO	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No. PCT/GB00/00208	International filing date (day/month/year) 26 January 2000 (26.01.00)

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 24 August 2000 (24.08.00)	
International application No. PCT/GB00/00208	Applicant's or agent's file reference REP06257WO
International filing date (day/month/year) 26 January 2000 (26.01.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 26 January 1999 (26.01.99)
Applicant BARKER, Stephen, George, Edward	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:



in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

18 July 2000 (18.07.00)



in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was

was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 27 September 2001 (27.09.01)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
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International application No. PCT/GB00/00208	International filing date (day/month/year) 26 January 2000 (26.01.00)

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4. A copy of this notification has been sent to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the receiving Office <input type="checkbox"/> the designated Offices concerned <input type="checkbox"/> the International Searching Authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the elected Offices concerned <input type="checkbox"/> the International Preliminary Examining Authority <input type="checkbox"/> other:		

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference REP06257W0	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/GB 00/ 00208	International filing date (day/month/year) 26/01/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 26/01/1999
Applicant EUROGENE LIMITED et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 02 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

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☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

PROTECTIVE COVER FOR INJURED LIMBS

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

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☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☒ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☐ None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No.

PCT/GB 00/00208

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61F15/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A61F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P, X	DE 298 16 198 U (SIEWERT RONALD R) 25 February 1999 (1999-02-25) page 5, paragraph 2 -page 6, paragraph 2; claims 13-16; figures	1,7-10
X	US 4 178 924 A (BAXTER SAMUEL H) 18 December 1979 (1979-12-18) column 2, line 25 -column 3, line 10; claims; figures	1,8-10
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A	US 3 477 427 A (LAPIDUS ROY) 11 November 1969 (1969-11-11) the whole document	1,5,6,8, 10



Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Date of the actual completion of the international search

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31/03/2000

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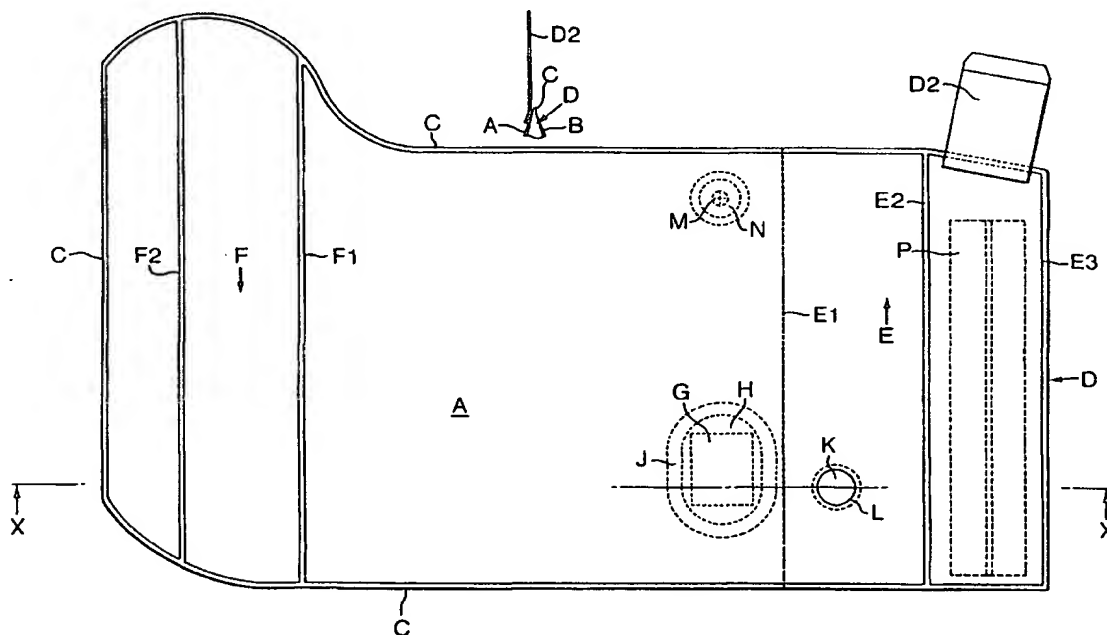
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DE 29816198 U	25-02-1999	DE 19921203 A EP 0966892 A	30-12-1999 29-12-1999
US 4178924 A	18-12-1979	NONE	
US 3741203 A	26-06-1973	NONE	
US 3477427 A	11-11-1969	NONE	

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

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(21) International Application Number: PCT/GB00/00208 (22) International Filing Date: 26 January 2000 (26.01.00) (30) Priority Data: 9901711.3 26 January 1999 (26.01.99) GB 9917443.5 23 July 1999 (23.07.99) GB 9917445.0 23 July 1999 (23.07.99) GB (71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): EUROGENE LIMITED [GB/GB]; 12 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4RB (GB). (72) Inventor; and (75) Inventor/Applicant (for US only): BARKER, Stephen, George, Edward [GB/GB]; The Vascular Unit, Dept. of Surgery, Sir Jules Thorn Building, The Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, London W1N 8AA (GB). (74) Agent: GILL JENNINGS & EVERY; Broadgate House, 7 Eldon Street, London EC2M 7LH (GB).		(81) Designated States: AE, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW, ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG). Published With international search report.	

(54) Title: PROTECTIVE COVER FOR INJURED LIMBS



(57) Abstract

A device which comprises an enclosure of a plastics material, having an opening at an end thereof with fastening means to enable the opening to be closed around a limb or stump with an affected part contained within the enclosure, and including a fluid-absorbent material within the enclosure. The device is particularly suitable for use in the treatment of leg ulcers.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference REP06257WO		See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416) FOR FURTHER ACTION
International application No. PCT/GB00/00208	International filing date (day/month/year) 26/01/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 26/01/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC A61F15/00		
Applicant EUROGENE LIMITED et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 7 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 1 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☒ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 18/07/2000	Date of completion of this report 24. 01. 01
Name and mailing address of the international preliminary examining authority:  European Patent Office D-80298 Munich Tel. +49 89 2399 - 0 Tx: 523656 epmu d Fax: +49 89 2399 - 4465	Authorized officer De Crignis, G Telephone No. +49 89 2399 2332 

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/GB00/00208

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).):*

Description, pages:

1-7 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-10 as originally filed

11,12 as received on 05/12/2000 with letter of 04/12/2000

Drawings, sheets:

1/4-4/4 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/GB00/00208

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☒ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

see separate sheet

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application.

☒ claims Nos. 10.

because:

☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 10 relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):
see separate sheet

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. .

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination report cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

☐ the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

☐ the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/GB00/00208

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	5, 7, 9
	No:	Claims	1 - 4, 6, 8
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1 - 9
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1 - 9
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations see separate sheet

VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/GB00/00208

Re Item I

Basis of the report

The amendments filed with the letter dated 4.12.2000 introduce subject-matter which extends beyond the content of the application as filed, contrary to Article 34(2)(b) PCT. The amendments concerned are the following:

Claim 11:

The basis given on page 6 lines 13 - 15 refer only to a glove. Therefore, it is an extension of protection to claim such burstable sachets for other articles than a glove.

Claim 12:

The basis given on page 2, line 28/29 refers only to a 75 μ m ethyl methyl acrylate film. Therefore, only such a material could be claimed as being pliable and having a soft feel.

Therefore, this report has been established without claims 11 and 12.

Re Item III:

The subject-matter of claim 10 is directed to a therapeutical method of treatment (Article 34 (4) (a) (i) and Rule 67.1 (iv) PCT). Therefore it relates to a subject-matter which does not require an international preliminary examination. The claim alleges to refer to a device, however, no device characterisation is present and only the reference to the use in therapy has been specified. Therefore, it should be treated as a claim referring to the use in therapy.

Re Item V:

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: US-A-4 178 924 (BAXTER SAMUEL H) 18 December 1979 (1979-12-18)
- D2: US-A-3 741 203 (LIMAN P) 26 June 1973 (1973-06-26)

The present application does not satisfy the criterion set forth in Article 33(2) PCT because the subject-matter of Claims 1 to 4, 6 and 8 is not new in respect of prior art as defined in the regulations (Rule 64(1)-(3) PCT).

The present application does not satisfy the criterion set forth in Article 33(3) PCT because the subject-matter of Claims 5, 7 and 9 does not involve an inventive step (Rule 65(1)(2) PCT).

Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art with respect to claim 1, discloses all features thereof, namely

a device (title)
which comprises an enclosure of a plastics material (column 2 line 44/45),
having an opening at an end thereof (figures 1/2)
with fastening means to enable the opening to be closed around a limb or stump with
an affected part contained within the enclosure (figures 1/2)
and including a fluid-absorbent material within the enclosure (moisture absorbing
material, column 3 line 7/8).

The subject-matter of claim 1 is thus known from D1 and it is not novel.

Document D2 also discloses all the features of claim 1, see particularly figures 6, 7 and 10.

Dependent Claims 2 to 9 do not appear to contain any additional features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, add anything novel or involve an inventive step for the following reasons:

The subject-matter of claim 2 is known from D1, see column 2 line 44 - 47.

The subject-matter of claim 3 is known from D1, see column 2 line 44 - 47.

The subject-matter of claim 4 is known from D1, see column 3 line 50/51.

The subject-matter of claim 8 is known from D1, see figures 1/2.

The subject-matter of claim 6 is known from D1, see column 3 line 5 to 8.

The subject-matter of claim 5 and 7 refers to the permeability and the nature of the wall. Due to the availability of such materials it is within the choice of the skilled person

to use these materials within the design of such an article.

The subject-matter of claim 9 refers to a non-slip sole and is not related to the inventive concept of the application.

Re Item VI:

Although document DE-U-298 16 198 does not constitute prior art within the meaning of Rule 64.1 (b) PCT, it appears to disclose all the features of claims 1 and 7 to 10. No check has been made as to whether the priority of this prior application has been validly claimed.

Re Item VII:

To meet the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the documents D1 and D2 should be identified in the description and the relevant background art disclosed therein should be briefly discussed.

Reference signs in parentheses should be inserted in the claims to increase their intelligibility, Rule 6.2(b) PCT. This applies to both the preamble and characterising portion.

11. A device according to claim 10, for use in treating burns, which includes a burstable sachet within the enclosure, the sachet containing an agent suitable for the treatment of burns.

12. A device according to any preceding claim, wherein the plastics material is
5 pliable and has a soft feel.

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